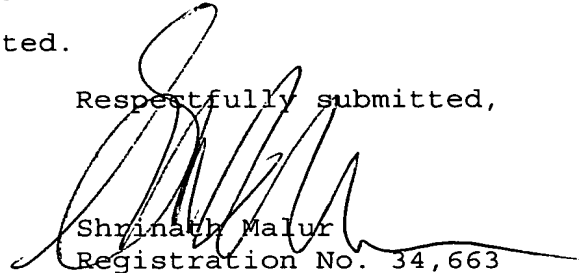


REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 9-22 have been added. Accordingly, claims 9-22 are currently pending in the application.

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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